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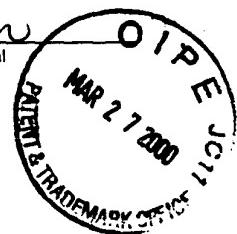
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner: To be assigned

Group Art Unit No.: 1643

Applicant(s): Vogels et al.

Filing date: November 19, 1999

Serial No.: 09/444,284

For (title): GENE DELIVERY VECTORS PROVIDED  
WITH A TISSUE TROPISM FOR SMOOTH  
MUSCLE CELLS, AND/OR ENDOTHELIAL  
CELLS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), an extension of time is requested as marked below:

ACTION FOR WHICH EXTENSION IS REQUESTED

- Response to non-final office action mailed  
(timely and complete response not previously filed).
- Response to final office action mailed  
(application not placed in a condition for allowance by a previous timely filed response).
- Filing of Appellant's brief, notice of appeal dated .
- Filing of a continuing application having an express abandonment of this application conditioned on the granting of a filing date to the continuing application.
- Notice to File Missing Parts.

EXTENSION REQUEST PERIOD AND FEE CALCULATION

- The period for taking the above-identified action without extension fees expired on March 4, 2000.
- The period for taking the above-identified action has previously been extended (by the payment of the appropriate extension fee) to

The requested extension period (and associated fee) is:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month<br>§ 1.17(a) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ 55.00 - small entity* |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 110.00                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two months<br>§ 1.17(b)           | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 190.00 - small entity*           |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Three months<br>§ 1.17(c)         | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 435.00 - small entity*           |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 870.00                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Four months<br>§ 1.17(d)          | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 680.00 - small entity*           |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 1,360.00                         |

Comments:

- \*Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 is enclosed.
- Any additional patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 which may be due should be charged to deposit account no. 20-1469. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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